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Professional Licensing Agency
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Dear Ms. Muenks,

I am writing on behalf of the Indiana State Psychology Board in regard to the current status of the restricted psychology tests and instruments list. As you know, it is our responsibility under IC 25-33-1-3(g) to establish and maintain such a list. The moratorium suspending action on this process ended on December 31, 2005. We are now prepared to offer a revised list (enclosed) for your consideration and comment in order to begin the rule making process once again.

The draft list has been extensively reorganized and edited. The reorganization was done in an effort to establish greater consistency with the categories listed under the definition of "restricted psychology test or instrument" as found in IC 25-33-1-14(b). As you will note, the list also contains many deletions as well as some additions resulting in a draft list that is less than half the length of the list most recently considered. These changes are intended to be responsive to your concerns as well as those expressed by various other interested groups. The revisions also allow inclusion of some recently published tests and reflect emergent areas of service to the public, such as forensic settings, in which psychological tests are increasingly used.

The list represents the Board's diligent effort to include those tests and instruments that, because of their design or complexity, create a danger to the public by being improperly administered and interpreted, that reflect standard instruments within the current practice repertoire, and that have the potential for the most adverse consequences for the public if used inappropriately or inaccurately.

We understand that receipt of this draft opens the 60-day period in which you may offer written comments or objections, with a rationale for said objections, regarding specific items on the restricted test list. We look forward to working constructively with you to resolve any questions or concerns you may have.

Cordially,

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